MOBILE BAY WAS TAKEN.

Thrilling Story of America's Greatest Naval Fight Told by a Landsman Who Saw the Whole of It From the Deck of One of the Conquering Ships.

By ALLEN SMALLEY.

gun, a 200-pounder, the enormous mouth with the company of smoke from her stack, indicating Fort Morgan. We had moved around to of which almost reached us, and I saw the lower extremities of the man with the lanyard at this gun, and heard the vicious command within the Tennessee to fire, but the big gun in which I was just then deeply interested did not go off. This particular event, and all connected with it, happened so suddenly and its phases sucled each other so rapidly that the awful dangers were not appreciated until after the danger was past.

The Oneida, with her consort, was next and last in line, and had been almost totally disabled by the guns of the fort, but was being towed ahead and apart by her consort to avoid, if possible, further in-jury. Thus the Oneida had been taken out of the onward course of the ram, and, in the smoke, the Tennessee passed astern of her and was next seen in the neighboorhood of her moorings at the fort. No sooner had the Tennessee made her

run for the Hartford and through our fleet

and become lost from the sight of her

friends in the smoke than the Morgan and

Gaines seemed to be stricken with a spirit

of timidity; they appeared to draw away from the fight, toward Fort Morgan, and the Selma then sought safety in flight towards Mobile. At this time the Hartford was about one mile within the bay; the Selma, Gaines and Morgan were off ahead and on the starboard quarter of the Brooklyn and Hartford, and their fire had been very destructive. The Tennessee was not only apparently lost to them, but our entire invading fleet was now through the channel and getting well into the bay, and beyond the reach of Fort Morgan's guns. As soon as the Selma pulled away and headed for Mobile, two of our fastest consorts, the Metacomet and Octarora, were given permission to slip their cables and give chase to the flying fugitive. Monstrous shots from pursuing and pursued flew thick and fast and the roar of their cannon made riffles on every breeze. The pursuers advanced upon diverging lines to bring the Selma practically between them. The Selma was a long side-wheel steamer with an immense walking beam. I was informed that it had been built many years before for the coast cotton trade, and was converted into a war vessel by constructing a gun-deck on a level with her low bulwarks, and placing thereon two batteries in open view; one of these batteries was on the forecastle, the other on the great rapidity and were as steady as clockwork, and excited the admiration of beholders. Seima's commander soon discovered that he could not get away from his shorted, and every one possible was pursuers, and he rounded to so as to bring his forward battery to bear upon his tormenters. His subordinates realized the summandation were specially signaled to collide the summandation. A very fareauchter with the ram must come. Four worden and immediate surrender to avoid a further and useless effusion of blood; but "victory ond, the Lackawana; third, the Ossipee, or the bottom of the sea" were the only alternatives with the sea" were the only alternatives with the sea which was the next in order to make the office of the Senate and House of Representatives, pleading and uriging theoret beport Senate Bill No. 1716 and House of Representatives, pleading and longerous with a ide-arms, and all kinds of dangerous was pursuers, and be recommendation. Avery fareauchter the ropes at hand for the coming collision and sudden stop would tend too pitch us all the ropes at hand for the coming collision and sudden stop would tend too pitch us all the seas was allegted to us by both Committees, which gays represent. About an all the subtributes of the deck and, perhaps, overboards of the deck and, perhaps of the deck and, perhaps overboards of the deck and, perhaps overboards o of the Selma. Conditions so continued when one of the Octorora's shots raked the Selma from stern to stem, dumaged both batteries, cut a steam-pipe, knocked

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nessee was once more turned toward Fort tion vanished. of Morgan, whither she promptly started for I will not detail events that resulted in And daily death thenceforth to Robin

that some immediate movement was in-tended. What will it be? Will she steam the line over which she would pass. She through the channel and attempt to es-was coming from the north and we began cape to sea, or will she have the auda- to advance to the westward, and very cious temerity to come out in broad day- soon our engineers were ordered to adlight, and alone fight our three remaining vance with every possible ounce of steam. monitors and 14 wooden ships of the line? The steam bell then rang continuously, the Impossible! But on she came into the vessel was quivering under the strain, and channel, boldly and defiantly flew her flag, it soon became apparent, even to a landsturned her prow northward toward our man, that we would strike the Tennessee expectant fleet, and with all steam ad- at right angles and about amidships; an

vanced alone to renew the conflict. A anchor was already suspended from the great deal of bustle was everywhere visa bowsprit in readiness to grapple with the

which was the next in order to make the perilous attempt.

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the Tennessee a white flag suddenly ap-peared upon her hurricane deck, and from the Selma from stern to stem, damaged son, and were composed of such heavy altothe batteries, cut a steam-pipe, knocked the commander out by taking an arm off, and injuring several others. The next in pervious to any projectiles at that time inpervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that time information in pervious to any projectiles at that the efforts were successful. The dark cloud of threatened disaster rolled the collision, and the information in pervious to any projectiles at that time in the pervious to any projectiles at that the policy in the pervious to avoid the collision, and the projectiles at that time in the pervious to avoid the collision, and the pervious to avoid the collision. The dark cloud of threa and the fight, as to the Selma, ceased. Her the water's line, and from there the iron crew were conveyed to the Metacomet and Octorora; our sailors took possession of the Selma, and her career as a rebel man-the Selma, and her career as a rebel man-the Selma and the Sel

with the Lackawanna, which had too short eral shells into Fort Powell, on Sand Iswith the Lackawanna, which had too short a run, however, to gather much momentum. But she struck the Tennessee near 'midships at an angle of about 30 degrees, and cut some into her own bows, and we afterwards learned she made some of the seams in the Tennessee admit water. About this time the rudder chains of the Tennessee were cut away by a shot, so that she could not be controlled from the pilot house. The rudder could now be only imperfectly worked by hand, near the sippi Sound, so that Gen. Page's bottle

had been on a man-o'-war only 28 days, and at least 24 days of that time my ears were greeted with the sublime thunder of heavy marine and coast guns. Knowing that the imperial world was watching the progress of our great American conflict with the keenest solicitude, I felt prouder than ever of the wonderful qualities possessed by Americans for war as well as for peace. The Northern and Southern Our one hope was, fair peace again to soldiers proved themselves foemen worthy of each other's steel, but the cause of des- We asked not why our neighbor didn't go. potism, a remaining relic of barbarism. We knew our duty, quite enough to know fast slipping from beneath the slave-built Southern Confederacy, and its total de-struction and hopeless ruin was consummated only a few months later at Appocasion, when Lee and his helpless army nanimous Grant returned Lee's sword, gave them bread, and dismissed them to We are so lucky as to be here now?

military, civil and moral grandeur, and was dedicated anew to the principles that all men are created free and equal; that governments are created for the benefit of the governed; and that Government of the people, by the people, for the people should not perish from the earth. Peace reigns, fraternity prevails.

'Fold up the banners! Smelt the guns! ove rules! Her gentler purpose runs. A mighty mother turns in tears The pages of those battle years, Lamenting alf her fallen sons.
(The end.)

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR. An Appeal From National Commander

Walker.

Ex-Prisoners of War,
Pitisburg, Pa., Feb. 2, 1904.
Dear Comrades: Once more your Commander, accompanied by the Executive Committee and other liberal-minded comrades, having four interests at heart, have visited, at their individual expense, Washington, D. C., spending four days there interviewing Schators and Members of And has no more charms for me

members, numerous questions asked, and details entered into with a spirit of intelligence never before exhibited by them, and

only imperfectly worked by hand, near the sippi Sound, so that Gen. Page's bottle fore stern under deck, and the prow of the Ten- was already broken and visions of starva- The guard the regimental standard bore;

fired and fled. Col. Roberts, with the de-tail, sprang ashore and quickly spiked the as quickly got aboard and started for the

Union fleet, across the river and just above on the Mississippi shore; and they reached it none too soon, for as they reached the fleet a terrific storm broke over them.

This expedition was planned by Col. Roberts, and, substantially as stated, was expedited by him and the detail. executed by him and the detail. . As for the names of this detail I have no doubt that the names of every man could be obtained by writing to Col.

through Until the "roundup"-Andy's Grand Review.

Who thought of pay or bounty in those days? Who thought of anything but good men's praise? Or pensions e'en, or any sordid thing.

bring. was doomed to destruction; the sands were And went and served and did our level slave-dedicated foundations of the Trusting to fate (and Congress) for the

And yet a few of us this Autumn day matox. And on that world-renowned oc- Are spared to meet and fight again the fray, expected a stone, and the matchless, mag- To wonder how we worried through, and

their desolated homes; then our glorious It was a tough experience; but then, Stars and Stripes arose from its baptism It was a band of volunteers—and men! of fire and blood purified, justified, glori- Not mercenaries fighting for their pay Not mercenaries fighting for their pay, But men who knew that duty led the way, This great Republic of the world and Who realized their country's pressing need, of the ages then stood forth in matchless And went to serve, to march, to fight, to

> Of such material was built the wall That saved to men their richest treasures

> The bond of Union, freedom o'er the land, A Nation new, the whole world to com-A flag that floats wherever mortals go-The sign of peace on earth, that fears no

To tell what others can't is not to boast; For only those who made it know the cost Of peace that blesses now the whole broad So these good words the boys will understand. And now for something else-but on word yet-Headquarters National Association Union Let's everything forgive, but naught for get!

> BY THE OLD TENNESSEE. hear the drums a-beating And I hear the bugles play,

In the shadows of the pines, Where the crimson god of battle Tramped between the serried lines; They are camping there forever Where the wind is light and free, And the robin woos his sweetheart On the banks of Tennessee.

can see the campfires burning Where we lit them long ago, can see the olden rampurts

dore Foote, commanding the feet, approved of the project and furnished eight yawls, with men to handle them, and with a detail of men from Co. A, 42d Ill., the party started early in the night. Having muffled the ears, the boats were rowed to within a short distance of the battery, whence, to avoid making a noise, the boats were allowed to drift. Just as the little fleet had reached the place to land—the foot of the fort—a flash of lightning from an approaching storm-cloud revealed to the two sentinels their enemy and they

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six guns comprising the battery, and then

Menoirs, gives a very good description of Col. Roberts, who commanded the Third Brigade of Sheridan's Division, at the

your issue of Dec. 24 a communication from Comrade Charles D. Haunon, Co. D.

19th Ohio, in regard to the battle of Rich Mountain, W. Va., in which he states the

tired. He gives the alignment correct; but he seems not to know what became of the 13th. I think I can explain. When the battle opened Cos. A and B, with five

13th Ind. was at the front only long enough to be sketched and was then re-

men from each of the other companies.

were deployed as skirmishers in a newly-cleared field, where were dead trees yet standing; they having Enfield rifles, the rest of us being armed with old muskets. After the 8th and 10th Ind. and the

skirmishers had been firing awhile—I don't know just how long—Gen. Rose-crans rode up to Col. Sullivan, who was sitting on his horse, just in rear of our Company (G), and ordered him to take the

field! So, you see, when we retired we did so by way of the front, driving the enemy

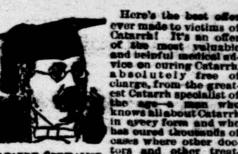
Now, if you publish this, I am going to

One of Morgan's Great Exploite

story of "Morgan and His Men," by Geo.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In the

Co. G, 13th Ind., Marenge, Ind.



As for the names of this detail I have no doubt that the names of every man could be obtained by writing to Col. Northrup, of Kewanee, Ill., where Co. A was raised, and who was, I believe, in command of Co. A at that time.

It was a detail from Co. H that was on the gunboat Carondelet the night of April 1. 1862, when it ran the blockade at Island No. 10.

Gen. P. H. Sheridan, in his personal Memoirs, gives a very whal description of the substance of this valuable help to Catarrh sufferers, will gladly give you free his knowledge and counsel.

HE MAKES NO CHARCE

Brigade of Sheridan's Division, at the battle of Stone River, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862. Col. Roberts was killed that day. Hoping this crude description will call some of the 42d Ill. to the firing line, I am yours in F. C. and L.—L. R. GABVER, Ottumwa, Iowa.

A Rich Mountain Memory Jogger.

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regiment and charge the enemy, and drive him out of his position—which Col. Sullivan immediately did; and it was only a few minutes till the battle was over, and not a live rebel left in opposition on the A circular of greeting sent out to the members of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., by Comrade Chas. H. McConnell, Chief of Staff, breathes the so by way of the front, driving the enemy before us at his best speed. The battery we captured, that the comrade does not remember, was on the pike close to the beloved Commander in Chief an unquali-

we captured, that the comrade does not remember, was on the pike, close to the Hart House. That was right on the battlefield, and consisted of two brass guns that had been shelling the woods we were in, back of the field. I remember, just as well as if it were yesterday, a shell or shot went through the top of a tree under which a part of our company was, and cut off a large limb, and myself, with others, had to leave our place in ranks with a survivors of the civil war are without the had to leave our place in ranks with a rush, to get out of the way of the limb.

Our regiment lost seven killed. He said there were 16 killed in all, but I am under the impression there were only 13. Our company lost one killed and two died of "In this upbuilding of the Grand Army

wounds in hospital at Beverly a few weeks the comrades of the National Staff a We were not allowed to take haversack or canteen; we had nothing to eat or drink all that day. I was detailed for and the state of the veterans of the war of the state of the war of the war of the state of the war of th all that day. I was detailed for and stood picket all that night; and the rain poured flicted with chronic disease or wounds picket all that night; and the rain poured in the night, and we were soaked to the skin. Then the wind howled over the mountain and chilled us till our teeth chattered, although it was the 11th of July. Ugh! it makes me shiver yet. But that was nothing to what we had later on in the correles. The witer is 64 years young—emphatically, decidedly—'that's what!" He wishes

"The writer is 64 years young—emphati-cally, decidedly—'that's what!" He wishes he could instill his youthful enthusiasm into every comrade of the staff! Let us be in a position to make a masterly re-treat if any comrade undertakes to sur-round or besiege me.—Thos. S. Hiestand, respect, at least, and think and feel that respect, at least, and think and feel that we are young—and lo and behold, it will

MUSTERED OUT.

Dallas Mosgrove, the author describes what he considered a brisk action with the what he considered a brisk action with the advance of the Federal army while on its march from Bowling Green to Nashville, in November, 1862. The affair has quite a different aspect as seen from the Federal and the federal aspect as seen from the Federal and the federal aspect as seen from the Federal and the federal aspect as seen from the Federal and the federal aspect as seen from the Federal and the federal and federal